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Dr. John W. Hicks, Acting President Purdue University West Lafayette, Indiana 47907

Dear Dr. Hicks:

I was delighted to learn that you will be able to accept my invitation to visit me at the Headquarters of the Central Intelligence Agency in McLean, Virginia, on 13 October. A few other college and university presidents will also be present.

I envisage a basically informal meeting beginning at about 9:00 a.m. and continuing to around 4:00 p.m. I hope to greet you upon your arrival and meet with you again prior to your departure. In the interval between those meetings, you will meet and be briefed by a number of senior officials of the Agency on the activities involved in carrying out our assigned role in government.

Out of those exchanges, I would hope that you would find answers to any questions that you might have regarding our work. More importantly, I look forward to receiving your comments and suggestions on how this organization might better accomplish its primary mission of providing our nation's leaders with the best possible intelligence. From our meetings that day, I believe will emerge a greater awareness on the part of all involved of the benefits to be gained for our respective organizations and our nation from the closest possible cooperation in the future.

I am aware of the busy schedule that you undoubtedly face and I am most grateful that you could find time to join me on 13 October. My Coordinator for Academic Affairs, will be available to discuss with you or a member of your staff details in connection with your visit.

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Sincerely,

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William J. Casey
Director of Central Intelligence

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